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CONCEDES FEDERAL BOARD THE RIGHT TO FIX FARES

Opinion Given Maryland Public Service Commission in City and Suburban Rate Case.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 10.—In an opinion handed to the public service commission, William Cabell Bruce, its chief counsel, concedes the right of the interstate commerce commission to fix the rates of the City and Suburban Railway Company of Washington, whose lines extend from that city to Laurel.

The public service commission of Maryland was asked by a Washington passenger to reduce the fare on the City and Suburban between the

District of Columbia and Laurel in favor of intrastate passengers passing between these terminals, notwithstanding the fact that the interstate commerce commission has established five fare zones between Laurel and Washington within the District of Columbia.

State Commission Powerless.

"In my judgment," says Mr. Bruce, "the public service commission of Maryland is powerless to impose three fare zones only on an intrastate passenger between Laurel and the boundary of the District of Columbia when the interstate commerce commission imposes four fare zones between these terminals on a passenger bound from Laurel to Washington."

"A higher rate payable by an interstate passenger and a lower rate payable by an intrastate passenger for one and the same service rendered under substantially the same conditions cannot, in my opinion, exist."

Mr. Bruce, in his opinion, reviews at

length the decision of the Supreme Court in the Shreveport case on which his opinion is founded.

PLAN GREAT NAVAL PARADE.

Bryan, Garrison and Assistant Secretaries Take First Steps.

First steps toward the preparation of a program for the reception of foreign navies and guests, and the conduct of the various ceremonies which are to mark the naval parade from Hampton roads to San Francisco and the passage of the international fleet through the Panama canal, were taken yesterday.

Secretary Bryan, Secretary Garrison and Assistant Secretaries William Phillips, D. Roosevelt of the navy, were in conference in Secretary Garrison's office for an hour working over the details.

Each member of the conference was assigned some special field of duty, and

another conference will be held Monday, soon after which it is hoped estimates may be prepared for submission to Congress to defray the cost of the affair.

Dies Sitting in Chair.

John E. Buck, sixty years old, 527 5th street northwest, was found dead sitting on a chair in the storeroom at the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday afternoon. He had been employed as manager of the storeroom for five years. A physician from Emergency Hospital pronounced life extinct. A certificate of death from natural causes was given.

Provides for Two Revenue Cutters.

Building of two new revenue cutters, one for the coast of California, to cost \$350,000, and another to cost \$110,000 for patrol duty and ice-breaking in New York harbor, is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Bankhead.

CIVIC BODIES JOIN IN BELGIAN RELIEF

Appeals Committee Encouraged by Reports—December 15 Self-Sacrifice Day.

C. J. Gockeler, chairman of the appeals committee of the District committee for the relief of the starving Belgians, is encouraged by reports he is receiving from those organizations to whom he has presented the needs of the distressed nation. Thomas Grant, secretary of the appeals committee, notified Mrs. John A. Logan, chairman of the District committee, with headquarters in the Cripps building, 425 11th street northwest, that William F. Gude, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has named P. T. Moran, 3281 M street northwest, and Albert Schulteis, 5 New York avenue northeast, as delegates from the Chamber of Commerce to assist the District relief committee. Other organizations are joining enthusiastically in the work.

On the suggestion of Miss Bouleis, the District committee has decided on December 15 as a day of self-sacrifice for the Belgians. The committee appeals to the people of Washington to make some little offering on that day, if it be only 10 cents saved from car fare, to help feed this starving nation with 7,000,000 women and children dependent entirely upon the charity of the people of the United States.

Saturday Milk Day.

Saturday has been set aside as milk day, when all children in the Sunday schools have been urged to bring in each a can of condensed milk for the children in Belgium. A number of teachers have assured Mrs. Logan that they think the opportunity will be grasped by the children to do this great work of mercy, and that the procession of little ones to the headquarters with their small can of milk will inspire more generous contributions from the adults who see them on their errand of relief.

Two little children, Andrew and Laura Lee, saved part of their Christ-

mas money and took it to headquarters yesterday as a contribution for the relief work. They gave \$2.

Outside the door of the headquarters is a historic collection box. It formed a part of the old 6th street depot, over the spot where Garfield was shot. In this box no longer use three dollars and was taken to the hospital. It is being used now for the relief of the Belgians, and about \$2 a day is thus contributed to the fund.

Gives Part of Christmas Money.

Mr. Gockeler today received the following letter showing how much the cry of the starving non-combatants of Belgium is reaching the hearts of the people:

"I enclose herewith check for ten dollars toward the Belgian relief fund. This is the greater part of the Christmas allowance of a working woman. I pray that in these times of so great suffering these people will realize that they can best commemorate the Christ spirit of love and charity by directing their gifts to the places of great need."

"May God speed your work."

Work While Waiting for Aid.

A large bundle of gray yarn has been donated to the relief headquarters by a woman, and the members of the relief committee as they wait for contributions to be brought in are busily knitting scarves and socks for the war sufferers. They have much more yarn than they can work up for themselves, and would be glad to have volunteer assistants to knit it.

Those in charge at the headquarters yesterday were Mrs. Beale R. Howard, Mrs. J. H. Thurnham, Mrs. C. B. Heltman, Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker and Mrs. John A. Logan. They took in \$50 yesterday and have received a number of pledges. Three handsome pieces of table linen have been donated for the women to dispose of for the benefit of the relief fund.

An entertainment for Belgian relief, under auspices of the District committee, is to be given by Mrs. William C. Logan, in the Logan Iowa circle, December 15, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. John A. Logan is to speak of the relief work in the District and tea is to be served.

Another large shipment of clothing has been made by the committee last week, and this will be the last this year. If it is found later that more clothing is required and that arrangements can be made for getting it into Belgium the collection of garments will be continued.

TO AID BELGIAN FUND.

G. W. U. Orchestra to Give Concert Tomorrow Evening.

A concert for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund established by the Hatchet, weekly student publication of the George Washington University, is to be given at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening by the recently organized George Washington University orchestra in the assembly hall of the Arts and Sciences building, 2923 G street northwest.

Although organized only about a month, the orchestra has a large membership. The proceeds will be turned over to Herbert P. Ransom, treasurer of the Hatchet fund, who will forward the amount to the Belgian minister.

WAR SCENE PICTURES AT BRITANNY BENEFIT

Entertainment Under Auspices of Society Folk to Be Given to Aid Hospitals.

An entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be used in buying supplies for the hospitals in Brittany, where the wounded from all the European armies are cared for, is being arranged for Monday afternoon at Convention Hall, when motion pictures of actual war scenes in Belgium are to be presented. Several of the most prominent people in Washington are behind the benefit, among them being many members of the diplomatic corps.

The Patrons.

The list of patronesses is as follows: Mme. de Gama, Mme. de Riano, Countess de Celler, Mme. de Suarez Mujica, Mme. Naoa, Mme. de Pena, Mme. Pezel, Mrs. E. E. Krenge, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. John P. Jackson, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. Morgan Hill, Mrs. Edward B. McLean, Mrs. Howard Chase, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Mrs. Richard Townsend, Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Mrs. Edward Mitchell, Mrs. W. Wilend, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Huxh Wallace, the Misses Patten, Mrs. Nicholas Anderson, Mrs. Corbin, Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Hitt, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Blair Spencer, Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. Paul Bartlett, Mrs. J. J. Johnston, Mrs. Fleming Newbold, Mrs. James Mitchell, Mrs. A. E. Bates, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Ferry Belmont, and Mrs. Hinkley.

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DIED.

ALSO on Thursday, December 10, 1914, HAROLD PENN. FIDELITY, also of Pittsburgh and Washington, passed on at the age of 65 years, after a long illness. Also, in the twenty-fifth year of his age, a son of the late Mrs. F. H. Fidelity, died at his residence. Friends invited.

BUTLER, on Thursday, December 10, 1914, at 2:15 p.m., SARAH BUTLER, widow of the late John Butler, died at her residence. Be with and heart, and cease weeping. Be with the dark clouds the sun is still shining. Into each life some rain must fall. Some days must be rainy and dreary.

FROM THE FAMILY.

Funeral from St. Agostine Church at 9 o'clock Friday morning, December 11.

DAVE, on Thursday, December 10, 1914, at 4 a.m., at Rockville, Md., WILLIAM MARRELL DAVIS, beloved husband of Mary Graver Davis, in the eighty-third year of his age. Funeral services will be conducted by Montgomery, London, No. 145, A. F. & A. M., at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 12. Friends and relatives invited.

DEWIDNEY, Suddenly on Wednesday, December 9, 1914, WILLIAM THOMAS DEWIDNEY, from his residence, No. 2309 11th street northwest, on Friday, December 11, at 2 p.m. Interment (private) at 9th Hill cemetery.

GREEN, on Thursday, December 8, 1914, at 10:15 a.m., at 2214 1st street northwest, Mrs. MARGARET A. GREEN.

HOLLAND, Departed this life, Monday, December 7, 1914, at 4 p.m., ROBERT L.

JOHNSON, Suddenly on Tuesday, December 8, 1914, at 10:15 a.m., at 2214 1st street northwest, Mrs. MARGARET A. JOHNSON.

LANIER, Departed this life, Sunday, December 7, 1914, at 10:15 a.m., at 2214 1st street northwest, Mrs. MARGARET A. LANIER.

LOVE, on Thursday, December 10, 1914, at 10:15 a.m., at 2214 1st street northwest, Mrs. MARGARET A. LOVE.

LUXON, On Wednesday, December 9, 1914, at 2:30 a.m., JAMES H. LUXON, beloved husband of Sarah L. Luxon, in the seventy-second year of his age. Funeral from St. Mark's Church, 20th and G streets southeast, Friday, December 11, at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives invited. Interment at Arlington.

ROBERTS, On Thursday, December 10, 1914, at 10:15 a.m., at 2214 1st street northwest, Mrs. MARGARET A. ROBERTS.

TRIVETT, On Wednesday, December 9, 1914, at 12:30 a.m., at 10:15 a.m., at 2214 1st street northwest, Mrs. MARGARET A. TRIVETT.

Funeral services at her late home Saturday morning, December 12, at 10 o'clock.

In Memoriam.

BURTON, In loving memory of my dear wife, ALICE M. BURTON, who died three years ago today, December 10, 1911.

One long year, dear Alice, since we parted, and I have not seen you since. To be with you and love you, that was my dream and my prayer. To this end in God we trust.

BY HER SON, RUSSELL O. BURTON.

GARDNER, In loving memory of my dear wife, ALICE M. GARDNER, who died three years ago today, December 10, 1911.

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BY HER SON, RUSSELL O. BURTON.

MOORE, In sad but loving remembrance of my dear wife, CLARA V. MOORE, who left us one year ago today, December 10, 1913.

The cross was borne bravely, the crown is now won; she fought the good fight, she has overcome. To be with you and love you, that was my dream and my prayer. To this end in God we trust.

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SCOTT, In sad but loving remembrance of my dear wife, CLARA V. SCOTT, who left us one year ago today, December 10, 1913.

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BY HER SON, RUSSELL O. BURTON.

SHELDON, In loving remembrance of my dear wife, MARY SELENA SHELDON, who departed this life one year ago today, December 10, 1913.

She left us brokenhearted, and all seems dreary now; but in our hearts she shall remain, and we shall meet her some day.

BY HER SON, RUSSELL O. BURTON.

WILLIAMS, In loving but sad remembrance of our dear wife, MARY SELENA WILLIAMS, who departed this life one year ago today, December 10, 1913.

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